Loveland Museum:
Destination Downtown

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3rd Level—
Art Exhibitions

- Modernized spaces
- Multi-media technology
- Showcase emerging and established artists
- Access to outdoor terrace

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REGIONAL ART EXHIBITS
COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITS
BLOCKBUSTER ART EXHIBITS
SCULPTURE TERRACE
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The current building above, current configuration below.

The future Loveland Museum above, configuration below.
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Street Level —
History Exhibitions

- Focus on historical exhibits and collection
- Interactive, engaging exhibits
- Age of Bronze exhibit—the foundation of our arts community
- Bringing history to life
Downtown Cultural District

Explore the downtown cultural amenities:

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Street Level—Community Interaction

- Activate the street level
- Community gathering spaces
- Easily accessible auditorium for programs and after hours events
- Natural light
- Gift shop
Loveland Museum
Collection & Exhibitions

• Wide variety of engaging history and art exhibits
• Local, national and international art exhibitions
• Local and regional history

First row left to right:
• Cacti by Katherine Warren from the exhibition Xylem: Innovation in Botanical Art (2015)
• Testing the painted ring of cold tar, possibly in the Flatiron penstocks, 1950, image used in Tunnel Vision exhibit 2017, from the Bureau of Reclamation Archive
• Maya from the exhibition Persona: Portraits by Yuki Honkawa

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• Heron Rising by Rosetta
• Miss Loveland Valentine, 1963, poses with Cowboy Cupid to promote Loveland’s Valentine Remailing Program
• Salvador Dalí, Supremes of Lilliputian Malaises 37/50 (1971) from the exhibit Les Diners de Gala (2018)

Third row:
• Bartolf Hose Cart Team, Champions of the Valley Tournament, 1888

Fourth row:
• Reveries: Anna Skibska (2015) installation view;
• Migrant workers harvesting sugar beets, c. 1937
• Children visiting General Store, Main Street Exhibit, during 2nd Grade History Days field trip, 2017
• View of exhibition Wayne Thiebaud: Fifty Years of Painting (2009)
Lower Level – Learning Level

- An art and history learning center for all ages
- Printmaking studio
- Studio space for exploration and experimentation
- Comfortable and functional classroom space
Loveland Museum’s Potential

- Create a greater cultural and social hub for the community
- Enliven this central Loveland street corner
- An arts and history learning center for all ages
- Elements that bring art and history alive
- A variety of spaces for a number of cultural and social activities
- Auditorium with fixed seating for lectures and other staged events (250 seats)
- More flexible less formal spaces to be used for a variety of exhibits and community events
- Classrooms accommodating to all ages and abilities
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- Cafe space
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